

Data Source Documentation

Indicator	Overweight and obesity, adults 18+
Demographic Group	Wisconsin adults aged 18 and older
Numerator	The number of adults in the Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) sample whose self-reported weight and height yielded a calculated Body Mass Index (BMI) of 25 or greater (overweight) or 30 or greater (obese).
Denominator	The total number of adults in the Wisconsin BRFS sample in the relevant year or years who reported their weight and height. (On an annual basis, approximately 2% to 3% of BRFS respondents indicate that they don't know, or are unwilling to report, their weight.)
Details about Data Item	<p>In the tables, the 95% confidence interval (the "+/-" column) indicates the range in which 95 of 100 identical surveys would estimate the percent of Wisconsin adults who are overweight or obese. Add the confidence interval to the estimated percent to find the high boundary and subtract it to find the low boundary. Smaller numbers of cases in the denominator produce larger confidence intervals. Results shown in the tables are weighted to represent the overall population of adults in Wisconsin.</p> <p>BMI is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared (w/h^2).</p> <p>All results shown in tables are weighted to represent the overall population of adults in Wisconsin.</p> <p>Component BRFS questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "About how much do you weigh without shoes?" • "About how tall are you without shoes?"
Other Data Information	<p>The Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) is a sample survey conducted by the Bureau of Health Information and Policy in conjunction with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The annual number of cases is currently approximately 4,000 and has ranged from approximately 2,700 to 3,500 in recent years. Weighted BRFS data are considered representative of the Wisconsin adult population living in households with telephones. The CDC calculates the weights using Wisconsin population data and provides them to BHIP.</p> <p>Tables by race and ethnicity show "rolling averages" using combined years of data to yield a minimum of 100 cases per group.</p>
Data Source	Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

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	The BRFSS is an ongoing probability survey conducted by telephone and carried out in conjunction with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Each survey year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.
Additional Information	The CDC Web site provides substantial information about the BRFSS at both the national and state levels, including prevalence and trend data and historical question information. Information about the Wisconsin BRFSS is also available at http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/stats/healthsurveys.htm .